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In the Application of:)
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David Grabelsky, et. al.)
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Serial No.: 09/680,910)
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For: Method and Protocol for a Medium)
Access Control Layer for Local Area)
Networks with Multiple-Priority Traffic)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 35 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, the applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the references are enclosed. Copies are also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith. It is requested that the documents be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims, however no such admission is intended. 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (h). The references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative

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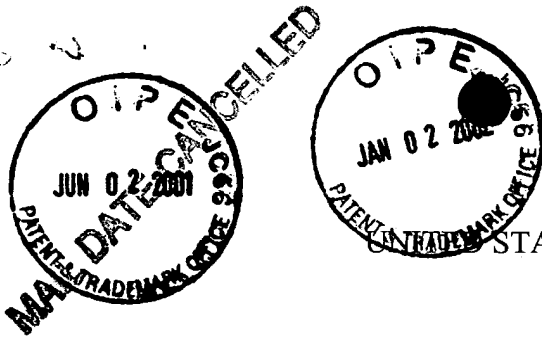
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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

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- a) Information Disclosure Statement Letter;
- b) Form PTO-1449;
- c) 9 Cited References; and
- c) Postcard.

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